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(b) Special Categories:

(1) Classified information determined to fall within the following categories may warrant some degree of classification for an indefinite period and, therefore, is excluded from the provisions of Section 4 (a), above.

a. Information originated by foreign governments or international organizations and over which the United States Government has no final classification jurisdiction.

b. Information specifically covered by statute, such as the Atomic Energy Act, and information or material requiring special handling such as intelligence or cryptography.

c. Information which is identified in writing by the head of a department or agency or his designee as extremely sensitive in the sense that for a period of indefinite duration its unauthorized disclosure

[1] Would place in immediate jeopardy a person, system, plan, program, installation or method of operation the continuing protection of which is required in the interest of national defense, or

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[2] Would seriously prejudice the effective
formulation or conduct of United States foreign policy.

(2) It is the intent of this Order that classified information comprising the category described in subparagraph 4 (b) (1) c. shall be kept to the absolute minimum consistent with operational requirements and the interests of national security; that, in all cases possible, dates or events shall be determined at the outset on or after which such information may be downgraded even though not declassified; and that the authority to identify such information as falling within the meaning of this subparagraph shall be limited to those exercising Top Secret classification authority under Section 2 (d) (1) of this Order. Documents containing information excluded from scheduled downgrading and declassification under the provisions of this subparagraph shall be annotated in the body of the text to indicate clearly to the recipient the information subject to the exclusion.

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